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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 21, 2001, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A device for contacting an electrically operated apparatus, comprising:
at least one terminal contact on a side of the apparatus, the at least one terminal contact being oriented parallel to an installation direction of the apparatus; and
a plug for connecting axially to the at least one terminal contact, the plug including at least one sleeve contact, the at least one sleeve contact and the at least one terminal contact being adapted to be assembled together parallel to the installation direction, wherein the at least one sleeve contact includes two concentric sleeve contacts and the at least one terminal contact includes two concentric terminal contacts, the two concentric sleeve contacts connecting to the two concentric terminal contacts.

Without prejudice, please add new claims 17 to 19 as follows: